GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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RUBBER PLANTATIONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rubber plantation project in Tripura has been able to tackle infiltration and smuggling along the Indo-Bangladesh border as reported in the Economic Times dated March 21, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend such scheme along the border with other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d): There is no specific input to suggest that rubber plantation project in Tripura has been able to tackle infiltration and smuggling along the Indo-Bangladesh border. There is no proposal by MHA to extend such scheme along the border with any Country. The following measures have been taken by the Government to check illegal cross border activities along Indo-Bangladesh Border:

(i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by carrying patrolling (on foot, horses and camels, boats and vehicles) laying nakas (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts. Riverine segments of international border are being dominated by deploying Water Crafts of BSF Water Wing.

ii) Construction of fencing and floodlighting on International Border.

iii) Construction of border roads.

iv) Conduct of special operations.

v) Co-ordination with sister agencies.